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# *the sportsman's welcome mat*

As you drive through the country, look for signs like this posted along the road. It's the sportsman's welcome mat, put there through the cooperation of the farmer, the Federal Government, and the State wildlife agency.

Some signs may word it a little differently.

But, however it's worded, it means that the farmer is participating in the ASCS Cropland Adjustment Program and has agreed to permit public access to the diverted acres on his farm—on a "no charge" basis—for certain recreational uses. Those uses may include hunting, fishing, hiking, and trapping, in accordance with State game laws and regulations.

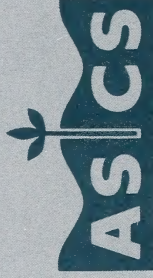
Such a sign will also probably mean good sport, for usually the farmer is promoting conservation practices on his land which are especially intended to furnish food and improve habitat for wildlife.

# HUNTING

Permitted without charge  
on land in

## CROPLAND ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM

### Details at Farm Headquarters



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The Cropland Adjustment Program (CAP) seeks generally—through adjustment and conservation payments—to divert cropland not needed at present for agricultural production into some recreation or conservation use. Agreements are for 5 to 10 years. If the farmer agrees to permit public access, without charge, to his CAP land for hunting, fishing, hiking, or trapping, he can receive an extra incentive payment under the program.

In many States, laws against trespassing are still in effect, so sportsmen should speak to the farmer first before going on the land.

Information on farms with CAP public access land is available at ASCS county offices (generally located at county seats) throughout areas where this CAP provision is in effect.







CAP's public access provision can be a great break for hunters and other sportsmen who more and more have been feeling the pinch of land closed off by the owners.

Sportsmanlike behavior can open more and more

acres. Careless hunting, abuse of the land or installations, or injury to livestock can close them.

Public access to land in the CAP depends on the farmer's voluntary agreement and the public's good sportsmanship.